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Sent: 1/29/2019 8:45:53 PM
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Subject: FW: 401(a)(2) request on NPDES permits for WA federal dams on the Columbia and Snake Rivers

FYI - I meant to include you in the original email. Dam update coming soon...

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Thank you, Jenny. We would also like to request an extension so that Oregon's timeline comports with the timeline that EPA has set for Ecology. I also think it would be beneficial for us to schedule a brief meeting to discuss Oregon's perspective on this and for us to better understand EPA's anticipated timeline for the permits. Steve Mrazik is currently out of the office on travel and when he returns later this week, one of us will follow up with you to get a meeting scheduled.

Please let us know if you need anything else in the interim.

Best,
Jennifer



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Hi Jennifer and Steve (cc: Beth),

I spoke with Beth today on EPA's 401(a)(2) request to DEQ on the federal WA dam permits in the lower Columbia and Snake rivers. We had extended the timeline for the completion of the 401(a)(2) request per DEQ's request to February 1. This date corresponded with the date that we gave to Ecology for their 401(a)(1) certification on the permits. This week, Ecology requested until February 28, 2019 to complete their 401(a)(1) certification, which we will be granting. FYI that they will be going out for a 20-day public comment period as required by WA state regulations tomorrow, 1/30, stating that EPA has requested a draft 401 certification on the permits. It will not include the 401 certification itself, only a notice that EPA has requested a 401 certification from them.

I'm writing to see whether DEQ is interested in an extension in the 401(a)(2) process. If so, please let us know. Also, if you are interested in an extension and have concerns, we would like to set up a meeting to talk about these concerns in the next 1-2 weeks. This will help us in developing the draft permits, which we hope to release for public comment in the first two weeks of March 2019.

Thanks very much. If you have questions, please don't hesitate to contact me or your EPA counterpart.

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Hi Jennifer, Steve, and Beth,

Attached above is a copy of our letter granting ODEQ more time on the 401(a)(2) request on the NPDES permits for the WA federal dams on the Columbia and Snake Rivers. Please feel free to let us know if you have questions.

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